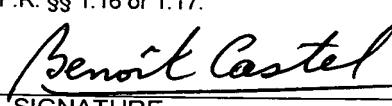


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. 0546-1085
		U.S. Application No. 10/583,133
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/EP2004/053018	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 19, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 19, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION: ARRANGEMENT FOR REMOVEABLY FIXING A STRETCHING ROD ON A SLIDE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Pascal DUPUIS; Patrick MIE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).))</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 12 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations. - <input type="checkbox"/> PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report included</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>22. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</p> <p>23. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: _____</p>		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE		
<u>Fee Description</u>		
Basic National Stage Fee		
Non ISA/US Search Provided		National Stage Search Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)		National Stage Examination Fee
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)		
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National Stage Application size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100 Fee Code 1681/2681	Additional Sheets $0 - 100 = \frac{0}{50} = 0 X$	Fee From Below \$250.00
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Independent Claims	Fee Codes 1614 / 2614	NUMBER FILED 1 - 3 = 0
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).Fee Code 1618		+ \$360.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property		+
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED		Already Paid
		Amount to be refunded: \$
		Charged: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.		
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